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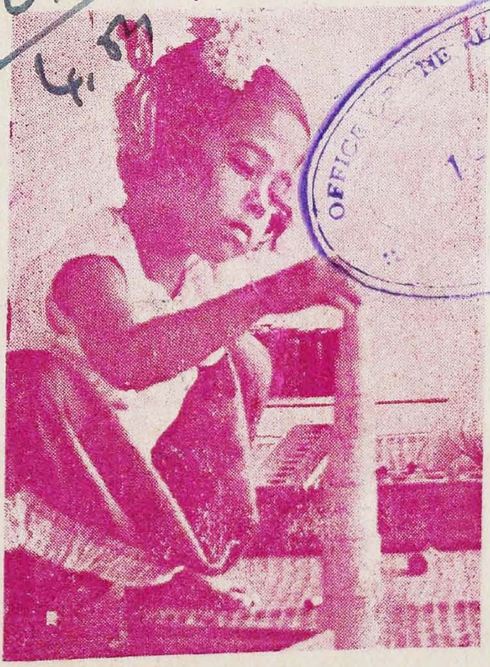

" Each child comes with a message that God is not yet discouraged of man". —TAGORE.

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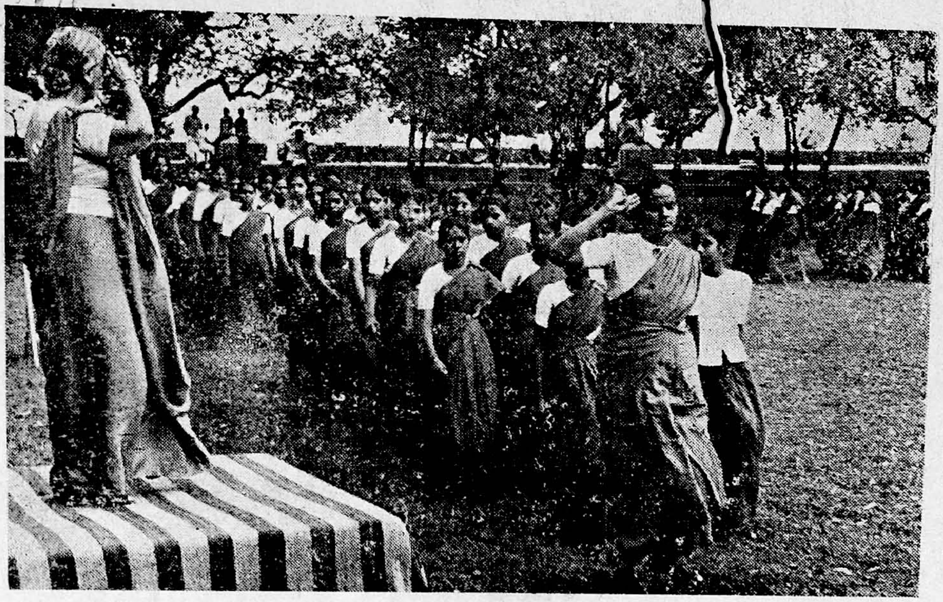
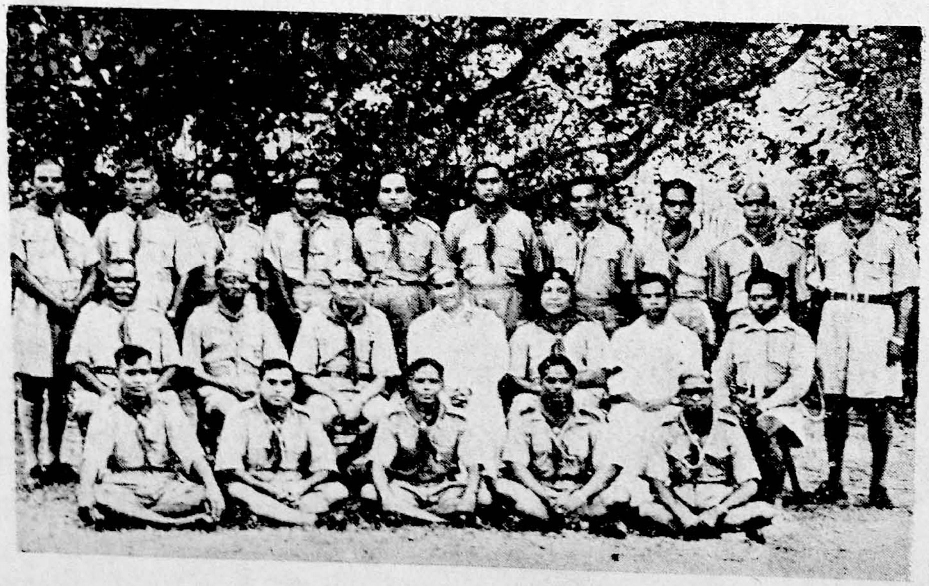


Mrs. H C. Captain, Chief Commissioner (Guides) India takes the Salute at the March Past by the Guides of Madras at Wenlock Park on 30-10-1954



The Block Development Officers of the National Extension Service under training as Scout Commissioners—28-10-1954 to 2-11-1954

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OURSELVES

14th November : This day is a great day for us because it is the Birth Day of our great Prime Minister Sri Jawaharlal Nehru. He completes his 65th year on this day. A more dynamic personality among the leaders of the world today cannot be found. Nehruji is an ideal Leader to whom is entrusted the task of shaping the destinies of our great country. May he be spared for many years to render such great service to our country and to Humanity is our wish and prayer.

7th November : On this day in 1950 the Bharat Scouts and Guides India was ushered into existence. The Organisation which combines in itself both Scout and Guide sections, has been functioning actively for the last four years and during which period the movement has received the approbation and support of the two International Bodies, the Boy Scouts International Bureau and the World Bureau of Girl Guides and the Girl Scouts. Today we have a strength of over 4 lakhs of Scouts and Guides organised throughout the length and breadth of the country. Our President Sri Rajendra Prasad speaking at a Conference of Officers said that the Bharat Scouts and Guides India was the biggest single youth organisation in our country. Efforts are made today in every State and at the centre to make this movement serve, and serve effectively a larger population of the youth.

It has been accepted on all hands that there is no better training imparted to young people in the matter of training them in character, in self-discipline and service than Scouting and Guiding. It is up to the workers and others, both the Government and the public to take the fullest advantage of this organisation and confer its benefits in an ever increasing measure on the youth of our Nation.

A fine Lead : The Madras Government has given a lead in this matter by asking the Block Development Officers under the National Extension Service Scheme to take Scout training to fit them as Assistant District Commissioners to do intensive work in their respective blocks.

In persuance of this idea a Camp was run recently and more such camps are to follow. We publish elsewhere the report of the speech of the Minister for Agriculture delivered at the camp and also a leading article by 'THE HINDU', on the subject.

The Chief Commissioner Guides India: Mrs. H. C Captain, the Chief Commissioner Guides, India, paid a visit to our State, arriving Madras on the 29th of October 1954 by the Ship "The State of Madras", and leaving on 2nd November 1954. During her stay, she showed such keen interest in Guide work that she found time to visit Flocks, a Commissioners' Training camp, attend a Rally of Guides and take Tea with Guide Officers with the members of the State Executive Committee and lunch with State Commissioner (Guides) which showed her enthusiasm for Scouting and Guiding. She is a model Guide Commissioner, well informed, and rightly fills the place of a Chief Commissioner, Guides, India.

Our State Commissioner: We congratulate heartily our State Commissioner (Scouts) Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu on his elevation to the high office of Director of Public Instruction in the State. We are sure under his director-ship both the Education movement and the Scout movement in the State will make rapid progress. We wish him a happy period of useful service.

World Jamboree: The next World Jamboree will be held in Canada in August 1955, details of which are given in this issue. We hope it will be possible to send a few Scouts from our State.

Himalaya Wood Badge Training Camp (Cub) in Tamil: This Camp will be held in the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar from 22nd to 28th November 1954. Cubmasters of 5 years experience can attend. The importance of Regional language in our work cannot be over-emphasised.

A Seminar on Community Recreation and Camping: will be held at Wenlock Park on 16th, 17th and 18th November. Dr. Edgren, Full-bright Professor of Chicago will be the Director. The Rajah of Ramnad, Minister for Works and Games will inaugurate the Seminar. He will also declare open the Childrens' Play ground at Wenlock Park on the 16th November. The Seminar will deal with the subjects, on 'the role and value of Recreation, Indoor inactive games, Philosophy and Technique of leadership, Outdoor active games, The role of the Group and Club in Scouting, Skills and Stunts' We trust many Scouters and Guiders will take advantage of the Seminar' and increase their knowledge and experience for better work among boys and girls.

Sea Scoutmasters' Training Camp at Ernakulam: A Training Camp for Sea Scoutmasters will be held at Ernakulam from 1st to 11th Dec. 54. The Camp fee is Rs 30/- per head. Please apply to the State Head-quarters, Post Box 424, Triplicane, Madras-5.

—*Editor.*

SCOUTING FOR THE VILLAGES

IT is welcome news that training in scouting is being given to Block Development Officers in the Madras State with a view to equiping them for organising scouting activities in the villages. At the scout training camp that is being run in the City, Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu emphasised that training in scouting would equip them better for their work as Block Development Officers. The basic principle that is emphasised in all rural development work under the Community Projects and National Extension Services is the need of self-help in organising and improving community life. Scouting is not only based on self-help but seeks to promote team work and to encourage useful group activity in all possible ways The remarkable role that well organised and disciplined scout groups could play in rural development was demonstrated in the Andhra districts where scouts helped Community Project authorities to build roads, dig wells, and clean villages. The Governor of Andhra was so much impressed with their work that he has urged all Project officials and the educational authorities to encourage scouting all over the State. Scouting combines in a unique way purely recreational activities with useful constructive work and social service. If children and young people in the villages are brought within its fold, they will not only receive knowledge and training which will increase their usefulness to the village community, but they will imbibe a spirit of selfless, co-operative endeavour which is sorely needed for creating a new life in the villages. The Minister for Agriculture, who spoke at the training camp, emphasised the value of the training for the Block Development Officers and wished that it were longer and more thorough It is up to the officers themselves to build upon the training they have received and create a live and growing scout movement. They ought to show more concrete evidence of their interest in its growth. A great deal more could be done to encourage the movement if the Government would consult the leaders of the Movement and ascertain what facilities and assistance they need. Much, for instance could be done by way of proyiding free camping grounds, sites for playgrounds and concessions in regard to travel. A well-trained and disciplined youth is the greatest asset of a nation and any expenditure for such a purpose is a sound national investment.

—" THE HINDU "

National Extension Service

Scout Training for Officers

The importance of scout training for Block Development Officers engaged in the National Extension Service was emphasised by Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Agriculture, when he addressed the officers attending the six-day camp beginning from October 28, at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar, last evening in connection with the "Visitors' Evening". (1-11-54)

The course has been organised by Government in collaboration with the Bharat Scouts and Guides' Association, Madras State, to enable the Block Development officers to organise scout activities in villages elected for the National Extension Service work. Out of the present strength of 28 Block Development officers in the State, 13 attended the camp besides two scout-masters from Madras City. Eight Block Development officers have already undergone similar training At the end of the course, these officers will be designated as Assistant District Scout Commissioners and will work under their respective District Scout Commissioners.

Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, said that the spirit of the Scout movement which the officers were expected to imbibe at the camp would enable them to

be better equiped for their tasks as Block Development officers having to deal with villages in a psyschological way. The Scout spirit would also enable them to feel their work light and to do it with cheer.

Mr. J. I Muthiah, offiicer-in-charge of the training camp said that the officers attending the camp had adapted themselves marvellously to the demands of the course and caught the scout spirit even on the second day. The Director and Assistant Director of Rural Welfare had attended the camp and addressed the members of the camp. The syllabus followed was the one usually assigned for Commissioners and every effort was made to explain to the members the different items in the light of rural conditions in terms of the National Extension Scheme and the Community Project.

The Minister in his address said that it was indeed a very pleasant experience for the Block Development officers to have this course of training as Scout Commissioners. Whatever public work they had to undertake, it was the scout spirit they had to imbibe in order to do the task in the proper way. The National Extension Service and the Community Project programme were to be extended throughout the length and breadth of this country and so far as Madras State was concerned, they had programmed to cover all the villages within the State in the course of seven years from now. To those engaged in such a work a training like this would be really useful. In the task of raising the standard of living of the people inhabiting the villages, the Minister said, they had to bestow attention to various activities and get people realise how they stood to benefit by having a new outlook on life and coming forward to help themselves.

The Minister said that he had no doubt that with the training they had obtained during the course, they would feel better equipped for their task. They had to train children in the villages in the true scout spirit Although the course had been short, he hoped they had imbibed fully the spirit underlying the movement, which should stand them in good stead. There were also the social education organisers. The idea of having such organisers was well conceived, but unless they too had proper training they could not be expected to do the work for which they were intended. They were being given some training, but he felt that a longer training for them in scout work would indeed be worth while.

The Minister said he must express his appreciation of the manner in which the Bharat Scouts and Guides organisation had come forward to give this training to the Government officers entrusted with the duty of reforming the villages, and hoped that this camp would be the fore-runner of several such useful camps.

Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary of the Bharat Scouts and Guides said that he regarded this association of scout training with the National Extension Scheme and the Community Project work as a happy one. He said that Madras State under their Minister, Mr. Bhaktavatsalam, had given the lead in the direction.

With the singing of the National Anthem the function concluded.

—"THE HINDU"

"NO MAN GOETH ABOUT A MORE GODLY PURPOSE THAN HE WHO IS MINDFUL OF THE RIGHT UPBRINGING NOT ONLY OF HIS OWN, BUT OF OTHER MEN'S CHILDREN."

—SOCRATES.

Training of Girl Guides—Proposal to Start Centre

Under the auspices of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, (Madras State Branch), a Girl Guides' Rally was held in honour of Mrs. H. C. Captain, All India Chief Commissioner (Guides) at Wenlock Park, Triplicane, yesterday afternoon (30-10-54.) Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, Chief Commissioner for Scouts and Guides, Madras State presided. Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, State Commissioner-Guides was present.

On arrival, Mrs. Captain was presented with a posse of welcome by the Guides and later she took the salute at a march past.

Mr. Venkataswami Naidu, welcoming Mrs. Captain said that the Bharat Seouts and Guides owed a deep debt of gratitude to her for she was instrumental in unifying the scout movement in this country. He thanked the Madras Government for the help they had rendered to keep the movement alive and expressed the hope that the Centre would give sufficient help to make the movement strong in the South.

Mrs. Captain said that it was a great pleasure for her to be in the midst of the Madras State Guides and partake in the function held in her honour. She said that Madras need not worry about her progress in the Scout Movement for, at the present moment she led the other States both in quality and in numbers. She paid a tribute to Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav for the work she was doing in this direction.

Regarding the financial aid from the Centre to the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Mrs. Captain said it would not be possible for the Central Government to give any help at present in view of the more urgent schemes to be implemented. However, there were proposals which, among other things, included the setting up of a training centre at Pachmarhi, for which the Madhya Pradesh Government had given 6 acres of land and money to the value of Rs. 20.000 for the construction of a building, and the scheme for an exchange programme of Guide instructors between Australia and India for which the World Committee of Guides and Scouts had undertaken to bear the passage expenses. Miss. G. R. Samuel, the Headquarters Commissioner-Guides for Training, Madras State, was one of those invited.

Pointing out the decision taken for the next three years for guides' work in the refugee camps in India, Mrs. Captain appealed to the scouters to avail themselves of that opportunity to rehabilitate and cheer them. That she said would really be a great service at the present moment.

Miss G. R. Samuel proposed a vote of thanks and Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav seconded it.

In the morning Mrs. Captain visited the Seva Samajam Boys' Home at Adyar, and inspected the Bulbul Flock at the Corporation Girls' School at Nungumbakkam. She also visited the Guides' Companies at the L.E.L.M. School, Purasawalkam.

Committee of the Council

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Council was held at Wenlock Park on 30th October 1954 at 3-30 P.M. Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presided. Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav, Mrs. D. L. Gopalratnam, Miss G. R. Samuel Miss D. Pearson, Sri K. S. Seshadry, Sri T. R. Kothandram Mudaliar, Sri K. Varadarajan. Dr. R. Mahalingam and Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy attended the meeting.

Mrs. H. C. Captain, Chief Commissioner Guides attended the meeting and took part in the proceedings. State Secretary's report from July to September was read and recorded.

Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav's request for making a road of six furlongs by Scouts near the Saligram Village for the Seva Samajam Boys. Home was accepted. Arrangements for the same are to be made by the Divisional Council of Madras under the direction of Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner.

State Commissioner Guides made a report on her visit to salem. The report of the

Joint National Organising Commissioner Mrs. C. Mohini was recorded and it was decided that the suggestions made by her in her report should be given effect to by the State Commissioner—Guides. It was decided to send a small Scout contingent to the Mysore Scout Jamboree in December on behalf of the State Association.

The gift of a play ground equipment by our State Chief Commissioner was received with thanks. The Executive Committee passed a resolution unanimously congratulating the State Commissioner Scouts Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu on his appointment as Director of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Captain, Chief Commissioner addressing the Committee, said that the movement throughout India was going forward and that she was very pleased to see Scouting and Guiding in the Madras State making rapid progress. She pointed out that according to our arrangements the Bharat Scouts and Guides is committed to the policy underlying the merger and that therefore every endeavour should be made to establish joint work by the Scout and Guide sections whereever possible, while keeping the training independent of each other. She also pointed out that the State Chief Commissioner, State Secretary, the President Vice-Presidents and State Treasurer and similarly on the District level are common to both the sections They are 50% Scout and 50% Guide workers and Officers, and as such the spirit underlying these arrangements should be honoured and utilised by both the sections, so that there could be harmony and conjoint work.

She said given the good-will and understanding it ought to be possible to carry on our work susscessfully.

Speaking about Joint Camps she said that, that was our ideal and opportunities should be given for achieving it. Giving an illustration she said that in Wenlock Park Northern side there could be a Scout Camp going and at the same time on the Southern side a Guide Camp in progress. They could come together for food, for Rally etc, while the respective Officers will attend to their specific training as per A.P.R.O. There could be no objection for such an arrangement. The State Chief Commissioner thanked Mrs. Captain for her presence and her valuable advice.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

V. S. Ratnasabhapathy
State Secretary

WORLD SCOUT JUBILEE MEET SET FOR 1957 IN U.K.

Celebration witl also mark Baden-Powell Centenary

The centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement, and the golden jubilee of that movement, will be jointly celebrated by a gathering of Scouts from all over the world, in Britain in 1957. There will be a combined World Jamboree, World Rover Moot, and International Indaba on the occasion.

World jamborees are held every four years and the next one is to take place in Canada in 955 The jamboree in 1957 is being brought forward to coincide with the anniversaries, and will be the ninth. The Rover moot will be the sixth of its kind, and the indaba the third.

The first International Indaba (originally a Zulu word for a gathering of the elders for discussion) was held in 1952, when Scout leaders from all over the world met at the International Scouting Centre at Gilwell Park, just outside London. The next indaba is being held in Holland in 1956, so the 1957 occasion will be the third.

This is the first time the Scouting movement is holding such a combined event. It is estimated that between 30,000 and 40,000 representatives from some 100 countries In which the movement now exists will be attending the gathering, which will be held at Sutton Park, with its 2,400 acres set among heath, woodland and moorland, about seven miles from Birmingham. The last World Jamboree to be held in Britain was at Birkenhead, in 1929.

DISTRICTS AT WORK

TANJORE

Tilak Troop, National High School Mannargudi

The Tilak Group of the National High School, Mannargudi held its first Terminal Camp for Scout Training and Rural Community Service for 5 days from 15th instant at the village of Koopachikottai, 6 miles to the south of Mannargudi on the Patukottai Bus route. Sri K. S. Sunderesan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief. Nannilam inaugurated the Camp, He gave a talk on "Camp Life". Inspite of rain the Scouts carried out the days' programme. Sri G S. Krishnamurti Ayyar B.SC., B.L, District Munsif, and President, Local Scout Association, Mannargudi evinced a great interest in the Community Service in the villages. The District Board Tanjore participated in the work and added to the usefulness of the camp in the surrounding villages. The villagers showed considerable interest in the work of the scouts.

16-10-54: At 4 P.M. the Scouts and Scouters went in procession to the village School. The villagers received them, A meeting was held presided by the Headmaster Sri A. V. Thiagaraja Sastrigal. He gave a short speech on the Aims of Scouting and how it correlates to the Community Service. Sri K. S. Sunderesan spoke on the importance of Scouting and appealed to the school authorities to start a Scout Group. Sri H. Krishnamurti, a Scoutmaster Officer-in-charge Tanjore District Board Village Reconstruction Work addressed in brief about the National Extension Service. There was a cinema show to the villagers and scouts.

17-10-54: The Scouts marched to Ullikottai 3 miles North-west of the campsite. The President Panchayat Board welcomed them on behalf of the villagers. A meeting was held in the Higher Elementary School under the Presidentship of Sri G. S. Krishnmurti Ayyar, B.SC., B.L., Sri A. V. Thiagaraja Sastrigal our Headmaster explained to the villagers the aim of Scouts' visit to the village. Sri K. S. Sundaresan spoke on the benefits of Scouting and requested them to start a Scout Group. Sri H. Krishnamurthi spoke on the Five Year Plan and appealed to the villagers to avail themselves of the opportunity of 119 lakhs set apart for villages in Tanjore District by offering the half share by voluntary united village labour The President in his concluding speech said that the Father of the Nation Mahatmaji was really a Scout and we should emulate him. He said that he would render all possible help to start a Scout Group in that village. The meeting came to an end after the cinema show.

18-10-54: At 4 P. M. the Paravakottai villagers welcomed the scouts. The speakers were Sri G. S. Krishnamurti Ayyar, our Headmaster, Sri K. S. Sundaresan, Sri H. Krishnamurti and the Panchayat Board President. The subject was Scouting and Uplift. Messages from His Excellency the Governor of Madras, was read wishing success The Panchayat President asked the large crowd to carry out the work of Road making, and opening of a Hospital.

EAST MADRAS

"The Cubs of the East Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides had a scrapbite followed by a Red Flower on Sunday, 12th Sep. '54 at Wenlock Park, Triplicane. More than 100 Cubs of the District attended, the function was presided over by Srimathi Jothi Venkatachalam. A lively programme of Sing-song and Play-acting was gone through and prizes were awarded for the best items. Srimathi Jothi Venkatachalam addressed the Cubs expressing her pleasure at having been present at the function and congratulated the boys on their fine talents. She advised them to obey their elders and Cubmasters and wished them success. The function concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. There was also a good gathering of Parents. Sri R. Elumalai, District Cub Master was in charge of the programme.

Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Course

The following is the list of the candidates who have successfully gone through the Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Course Part II (Practical) held at the Stanley Park Training and Campiug Centre, Coonoor, from the 10th to the 21st May, 1954.

1. M. Shivaram Achar
2. B. D. Philips
3. V. G. Gokulapala Sarma
4. N. Thangavelu
5. Athisayam Vethamani
6. P. P. George
7. K. S. Ramanathan
8. D. Thimothêus
9. T. S. Mani
10. G. A. Rajiah
11. K. C. Kurian
12. Mir Hadi Ali Kirmani
13. M. Gopala Krishnan
14. K. Md. Salih

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY
State Secretary

SCOUTING

By the Home Secretary (United Kingdom)

"Scouting today holds out inestimable benefits to the boys in your care and you have only to re-read or even glance at "Scouting for Boys" to see that it offers them to all—whether the Troop is in the town or country, whether it is rich or poor, large or small, there are endless opportunities of the right kind.

Children today are no different from those of 50 years ago—they want *and need* the chance to learn to do things themselves, to use their hands and imagination, to develop their own abilities to the full. Only too often they are given instead ready-made amusements such as films and television which may, if unsupported by other occupations, stultify the boys' creative instincts. Here surely is one of the secrets of the wide appeal of the Movement. And it is in training boys to be doers and not "watchers" that it is doing one of its best jobs.

As Home Secretary I am concerned with crime and delinquency. Between 1946 and 1952 the figures rose steadily; those for 1953 show a slight decline. The increases were approximately at the same rate both for juveniles and adults. One thing can clearly be deduced from these increases, that standards of conduct generally are lower than they were 20 years ago. What we have to do is to retrieve those standards. This is a field in which you can do untold good. You know as well as I do the main causes of the increase in juvenile delinquency—the broken home, lack of discipline, feeling of insecurity and absence of religious faith. You in your experience must often have seen how the high ideals of the Movement can inspire all its members to great things by putting first things first. The Scout Promise is the best example of this—and in Scouting boys can find the way to a life which faith in God and a full realisation of a Christian's obligations are accepted, where self-reliance and companionship form a guard against the evil consequences of insecurity.

An extract from the opening address given by the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe at the Fourth National Scout Conference at Piley on September 17th.

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The Eighth World Scout Jamboree, Canada 1955

18th to 28th August 1955

To The State Secretaries

THIS Office GL No. A/26/54-55/700 dated the 20th August 1954 and the cost and the itinerary of the above came in for discussion in the BSG Nationsl Executive Council in its sitting on the 19th August 1954. The whole house being unanimously of the opinion that the itinerary was rather ambitious and its cost prohibltive, as was also hinted in the last but one paragraph of this office letter quoted above, the National Organising Commissioner was asked to take steps to cut short the itinerary and minimise the cost.

2. Accordingly with the help of the American Express Company Inc., Bombay, the following itinerary was finalised :—

August 1 or 2, 1955	...	Leave Bombay by tourist Air Class for London Stay in London till August 4:
August 4	...	Leave London for Liverpool by train and embark
	...	on the same day Cunard Line "Saxoni"
August 11	...	Arrive at Montreal Accomodation in inexpensive hotels or hostels.
August 13 } August 13 }	...	In Montreal for sight seeing
August 14	...	Leave Montreal for Toronto by coach class train Montreal Dep. ... 0810 hours Toronto Arr. 1515 hours Accomodation in inexpensive hotels or hostels.
August 15 } August 16 }	...	In Toronto
August 17	...	Leave Toronto for Niagara Falls by either rail or bus (approximately 3 to 4 hours by either means of communication)
August 18 } August 28 }	...	Scouts Jamboree
August 29	...	Leave Niagara Falls for New York by Coach class train
	...	Niagara Falls Dep. 0605 hours
	...	New York Arr. 1650 hours
	...	Accomodation in inexpensive hostel
August 30	...	In New York for sight seeing
	...	Leave New York by SS "QUEEN ELIZEBETH" Arrival Southampton and proceed the same day to London for stay until departure by tourist class Air to India.

3. From the above itinerary it will be seen that Indian BSG Contingent will travel tourist class Air bothways—Bombay to London and back, as the boats plying between India and England will be heavily booked and as such there is little likelihood for the Contingent to get accomodation either in the dormitory or the tourist class.

4. That part of the year, when the Indian Contingent will travel from England to Canada, will be "OFF" season and therefore there will not be much difficulty in securing accomodation in boats if we communicate the strength of the Contingent to the American Express Company in good time.

5. Idea of travelling across the Pacific Ocean has been dropped for two reasons. Firstly it will add to the cost and secondly there is no certainty about sailings and consquently of stopovers in America and Japan. If the stopovers are of long duration, as they are likely to be between the sailings of the two connecting boats, it will tell upon the purse of the members especially in America.

6. The final estimate of the cost of the trip is as follows :—

(a)	Tourist class Air Bombay/U. K. trip ...	Rs. 2,402
(b)	Tourist class accomodation on SS "SOXOANIA" Liverpool-Montreal and SS 'QUEEN ELIZEBETH" New York-Southampton bothways ...	Rs. 1,642
(c)	Board and Lodging for 8 days in Canada and USA plus tips, service charges, incidentals. transfers, and sight seeing enroute Montreal Toronto ...	Rs. 475
(d)	Rail transportation in coach class from Montreal to Niagara Falls and Niagara falls to New York	Rs. 170
(e)	Third class Railway fare from London to Liverpool and from Southampton to London.	Rs. 41
(f)	Hotel expenses for ten days in London ...	Rs. 150
(g)	Uniform and kit expenses ...	Rs. 300
(h)	Third class Railway fare from place to Bombay and back ...	Rs. 70
(i)	Jamboree fee ...	Rs. 190
(j)	Get together camp at Bombay for 15 days ...	Rs. 90
(k)	Tentage at Jamboree ...	Rs. 20
(l)	Misscellaneous expenses ...	Rs. 100
	Total ...	Rs. 5,650

7. The Contingent Leaders will take all possible care for the safety of the Contingent but with all this if any member of the Contingent meets with an accident or falls seriously ill the member will be responsible for all the expenses incurred on these scores.

8. May I request that you will kindly take immediate steps to ascertain as to how many Scouts of your State will be willing to join the Contingent and communicate the information to this Office as early as possible. before the end of the current Calender Year, because our Travel Agents are pressing us for early information so that there might be no difficulty in booking the places on account of delay on our part.

9. Intending Candidates shall send to this office half the amount of the expenditure with their applications and the remaining half shall be paid on the 16th July 1955 when the candidates report themselves for the get-together camp at Bombay.

Yours Sincerely,
Sd. S. R. BAJPAI,
National Organising Commissioner.

N.B.—Please apply to State Headquarters P.O. Box No. 424, Triplicane, Madras for further particulars.

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,
State Secretary.

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Rovers North India Tour

Eleven members of the Corley Rover Crew, Corley High School, Tambaram went on a tour to North India from the 18th September to the 3rd October. Sri. S. Kanagaraj Elias, President of the Rover crew, Sri V. C. Thangavelan, Rover Scout Leader and Sri D. S. Gururaj, Assistant District Commissioner accompanied the party

The crew visited Agra, Mathura, Delhi, Hardwar, Rishikesh, Lucknow, Banares, Chittaranjan, Shantiniketan and Calcutta

The North laid bare its rich and varied treasures and left an everlasting impression on us about the splendour and the glory of the Moghul era We were struck with awe and wonder at the magnitude to which human skill can be put to. Truely the Moghuls have spent their time, energy, labour and money in making the earth a paradise of Idyllic felicity which in the Red Fort at the famous marble hall-Diwani Khas-is immortalised by the couplet inscribed on its wall,

" If there be a paradise on earth
It is this, it is this, none but this. "

Thus the tour though first of its kind in the annals of this infant crew, and pleasant and enjoyable at every stage was everyone returned enriched in knowledge and broadened in outlook, deriving the maximum advantage that could be gained.

The crew places on record their thanks to Sri V. S Ratnasabapathy the State Secretary, Madras for all his help in making the tour useful and pleasant. They are also indebted to Sri Vaidyanathan, the National Secretary, Delhi for making the necessary arrangements to accommodate the crew in the various scout association centres during their sojurn. Their thanks in no small measure are also due to Sri Saksena, the State Organizing Commissioner, Delhi, Sri N P. Thampi, Principal, Theosophical School, Banaras, the State Secretary, Calcutta, and to Sri Janakiraman Scouter, Madras Higher Secondary School, New Delhi for all their guidance and help in making our visit enjoyable. D.S.G.

Saidapet Taluk Local Association

Tambaram Scouters Club

A farewell meeting to Sri M. S Rajagopal Assistant Rover Scout Leader, Majumdar Ari Rover Crew, Tambaram was hled on 9th October in the Corley High School, Tambaram with Sri D. S. Gururaj, Asst. District Commissioner in the chair While appreciating the services of Mr. M S. Rajagopal in popularizing the movement, the members wished him success in his future career and assured him that he would not be out of mind though he would be out of sight. Mr R Rajagopal, Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

Joint Camp Fire

A joint camp fire of the scouts and guides in Tambaram area was held on Friday the 15th October in the National School, Tambaram at 7 p m. Mrs Lalitha Krishnaswamy, President, Ladies Club, Tambaram presided. Sri Venktachari, B.A , Founder and Manager, National School, Tambaram welcomed the guests. An interesting programme of items was gone through

The I.A.F. Rolling Shield was presented to the Corley Guide company. The kind donation of three prizes of the Tata Oil Company, Bombay were awarded to the Lotus Patrol of the Corley Guide company, Nachiappa Patrol, Corley Scout Troop and to the Red sixers of the National school cub pack. Tambaram for displaying best items.

Local Association

An Executive committee of the Local Scout association was held on Saturday the 23rd October at 5 p.m. in the M. M. Secondary School, St. Thomas Mount with Mr. E. W. W. King in the chair.

It was resolved to have a General Body meeting of the Association on Saturday the 20th November in the M. M. Secondary School, Alandur according to the following programme.

2-30 p.m. Scouters conference: Chairman: Sri Messiah Doss. District Commissioner Chingleput District

3-30 p.m. Tea

4 p.m. Business meeting

4-30 p.m. Publ'c meeting: Chairman, Dr. Annaswamy, Tambaram

Speaker: Sri. V. S. Ratnasabapathy State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras.

D. S. GURURAJ,
A.D.C.

KUMBAKONAM LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association, Kumbakonam was held on 20-9-54 at 5-15 p.m. in the Town High School premises under the presidency of Sri V. Raghava Iyengar, M.A.L.T.

The Annual Report and the Accounts were presented by the General Secretary, which were adopted and passed.

In the Geneaal Body Meeting and in the Executive Committee meeting held on 28-10-54 the following Office bearers were elected unanimously for the year 1954-55. President: Sri R. Govindaswamy Mooppanar Vice-Presidents: Messrs A. R. Rama Iyer, V. S. Kunchithapatham Chettiar and B. Sampathiyya B.A., L.T. and Srimathi Rajalakshmi Veeraraghavan, Chairman: Sri V. Raghava Iyengar, M.A. L.T., Vice-Chairman: Sri R. Krishnamurthi, Iyer, B.A.B.L., Sri V. Gopala Iyer B.A.,L.T., Secretaries: Sri V. Pichumani, B.A B.T., Sri N. Vijayagopalan, B.A.B.T. Srimathi K. R. Kauvery, Treasurer: A. Rajagopala Iyengar, B.A.L.T. Quarter Master: Sri C. R. Balu.

Training Courses

Under the auspices of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association, Kumbakonam two training camps for cubmasters were held from 25th September to 6th October 1954, at Ammachattaram, near Kumbakonam. The courses were conducted for the benefit of the teachers Training School, Kumbakonam, 77 teachers underwent the training and the camps were in charge of Sri K. S Sundaresan A.D.C.C., assisted by Messrs. A. Swayambu, A.D.C. C K. Sreenivasa Iyer, Siva Kuppuswamy and K. S. Viswanthan The camps were inaugurated by Sri K. S. Seshadry, Asst. State Commissioner. The organisation and the arrangements of the camps were in charge of Sri V. K Arunachala Udayar, Correspondent. Teachers' Training School, Kumbakonam and Messrs V. Pichumani, O. N. Vijayagopalan, Secretaries of the L. A. The visitors' Days were presided over by Sri V. Gopala Iyer, B.A.L.T. Headmaster, Town High School, Kumbakonam and Sri A. Rajagopala Iyengar, B.A.L.T. Headmaster, Banadurai High School Kumbakonam.

Dr. C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, former State Scout Commissioner and Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar, Chief Minister visited the camps.

V. PICHUMANI,
Secretary.

WEST MADRAS

14-8-54: Patrol leaders' union of both the sections was held on Saturday the 14th August 1954, in the premises of St. George School, Kilpauk, Madras and C.S.I. Girls' School, Kilpauk, Madras respectively. Eighteen Scouts and twelve guides attended.

21-8-54: Sixers' union of both the sections was held in the premises of C. N. Orphanage Vepery, Madras on Saturday the 21st August 1954. Thirty five girls and forty boys from all the units of the district participated in the activities. Messrs K. Devarajan, V. M. Ranganathan and Venkatesan were in charge of the cubs. Miss Emily Joseph and Srimathi Tara Bai were in charge of bulbuls. Dr. P. Krishnaswami M.B.B.S. Treasurer of the district was 'at-Home' to all the boys and girls.

4-9-54: The Scouters' and Guiders' powwow was held in the premises of C. N. Orphanage at 3-30 P.M. on Saturday the 4th September. Mr. M. R. Appadurai Pillai B.A. the chairman of the Executive Committee was 'at-Home' to the Scouters and guiders.

27-9-54: The Patrol Leaders training camp for guides was held at Pandur Thiruvellore Taluk. 18 girls attended the camp. Miss L. Vedanayagam, District Commissioner (Guides) was in charge of the camp, assisted by her assistants.

1-10-54: The Patrol leaders' and sixers' training camp was organised at Meenjur from Friday the 1st October to Sunday the 3rd October 1954. The camp was held in the premises of the District Board Higher Elementary School, Meenjur 35 boys attended the camp. The camp was incharge of Mr. V. Thiagarajan, District Commissioner (Scouts) assisted by Messrs. S. Balasubramanian D.S.M. Messrs Vittal Rao, Dharmalingam, Venkatesan, V. M. Ranganathan and S. Vijayaragavalu.

The camp was declared open by Mr. Subudhinathan A.D.C. North Chingleput and Headmaster of the School. The Camp fire was presided over by Sri Subramania Redddiar President of the local Association, Ponneri on Saturday the 2nd October.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. Jayaram Mudaliar was the Quartermaster of the camp.

Mr. K. Govindachari, President of the district visited the camp on Sunday the 3rd October.

Vasanta Scouts, Adyar, off to Mahabalipuram on wheels.

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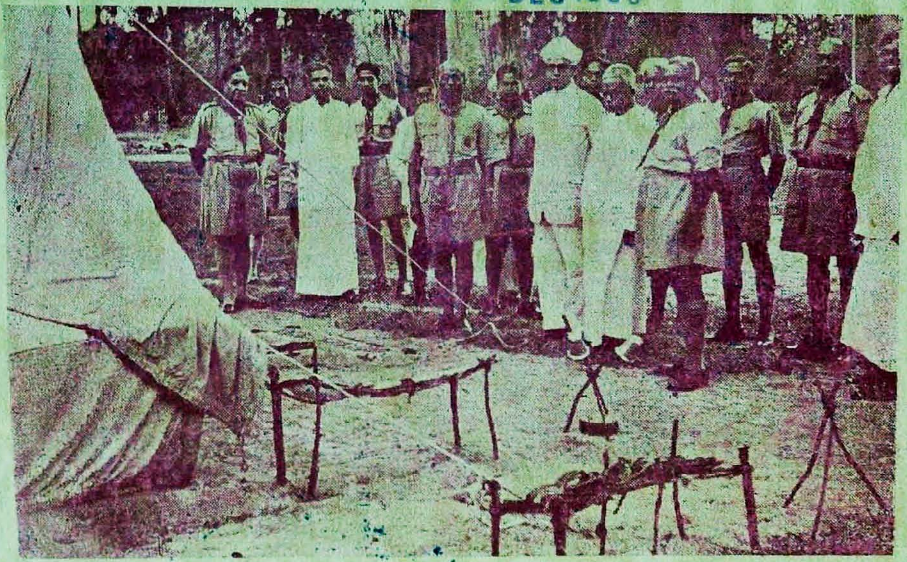

Minister for Agriculture, Mr. M. Baktavatsalam inspects the Camp of the Block Development Officers at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar—Kattabomman Patrol on 1-11-1954

Scout S. Ramaratnam—Vasantas, dressed as a Gypsy